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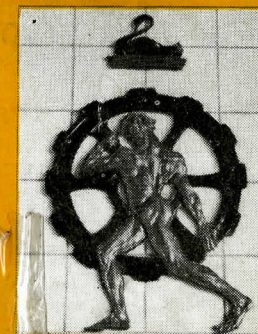
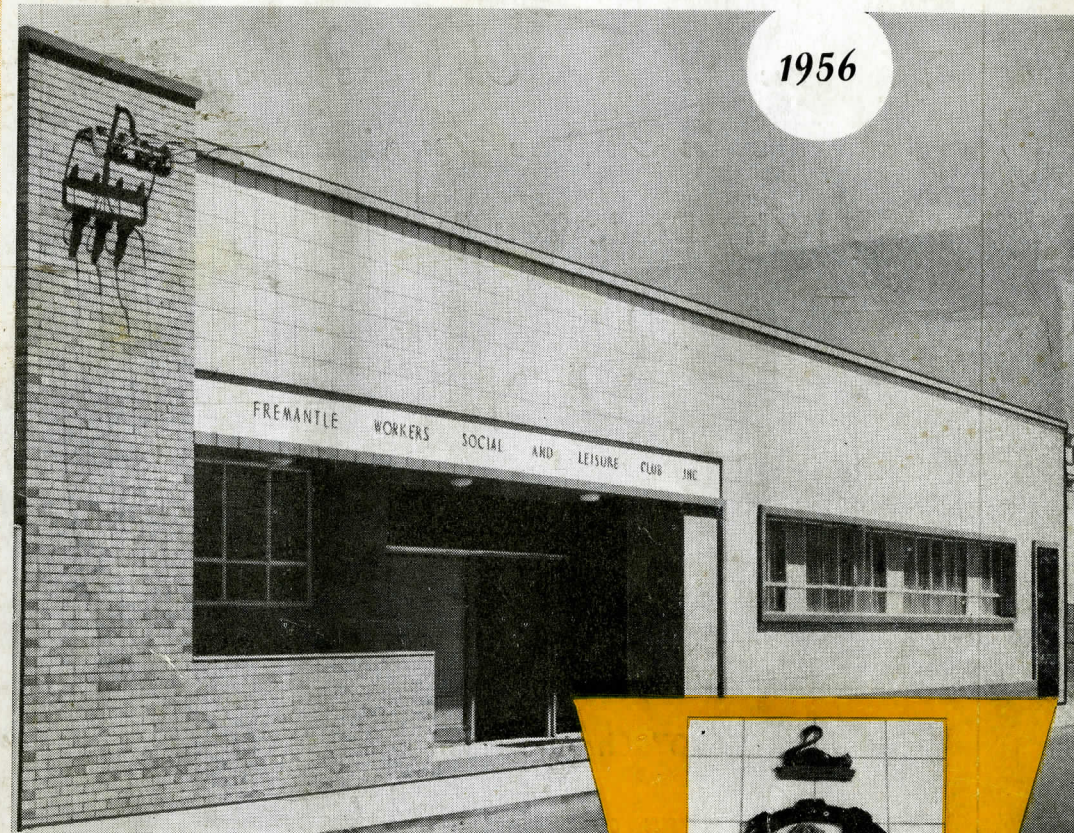
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"Our club is a home—practically the only one they know—to some of our associates who, like myself, are quietly slipping away on the ebb tide of life to the inevitable Bourn, and who are meanwhile finding restful sanctuary within this comfortable and spacious edifice towards the consummation of which, in days gone by, they contributed their generous meed"

Those words were spoken by the founder of the Workers' Club (Mr. W. E. Clare) in 1933.

Billy Clare was then an old man and his words reflected the outlook of a man who had spent a lifetime in the service of the community and of his fellows and who, in the evening of his life, appreciated with a warm and heartfelt feeling all that the club could offer him and his contemporaries.

His words are just as true today as they were then.

Billy Clare's outlook, his whole personality permeates the Workers' Club and always will do so, whether the club is situated in the building which was once a ladies' seminary or in the grand and imposing edifice which is now our home.

Mr. Clare was a master of the old style of English prose, now, perhaps unhappily, discarded for the brief, terse, forceful style used in the modern tabloid newspapers.

So today we find his language a little florid, a little diffuse. But he had a feeling for the beauty of words and he used them as a master craftsman uses his tools—with care and with discretion, selecting the right word for the right phrase.

"For the love of their fellows and the care of the aged is the Divine impulse which inspires and animates the executive of the Workers' Club as it does the workers' organisations in Fremantle generally, as evidenced by their devotion to old comrades who, after bearing the heat and burden of the day, seek not in vain for the sympathy and help of those who can, and do, smooth their last faltering steps to their journey's end."

There again the club founder tells us what the club means to him and to those others like him who sought a refuge and a haven where they might obtain the com-

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OUR CLUB IS A HOME (cont.)

radeship and friendliness so often refused the old and the lonely.

But the club, of course, is more than a refuge for the old and the lonely.

It is far more than that.

A CHALLENGE TO THE FUTURE.

In the pretentious building which is opened today we have a monument in brick and mortar to the pioneers of the past and a challenge to the future.

The club is what we will make it.

In the words of Mr. Clare again: "Our institution has been beset by numerous trials and tribulations, but never, through all our vicissitudes, has the main reason for our existence as a club been lost sight of by our different committees of management.

"Our club has never been, and never will be, a mere drinking shop. It was founded on high ideals, and it has striven, with greater or less success perhaps, to live up to them, and it is striving now harder than ever to do so."

Those are proud words, words from a man who had seen his dream fulfilled in his own lifetime.

The club has existed for nearly 42 years in its present form.

It is still what it set out to be—a club in which the working man and his friends will find all the best things in life outside his own home.

In it all are equal. There are no high, no low, no rich, no poor. We are all members of an institution which has survived the good and the bad years and which has risen proudly above all the misfortunes and tribulations which 40 years in our sometimes turbulent history have had to offer.

Today we enter a new life for the club, one in which we have provided every amenity, every facility which we can offer.

It is the sacred duty of our members to preserve the heritage handed down to us by Billy Clare and his contemporaries; to make sure that in new walls made old and hallowed by the memory of our founder we will always find what he believed should be found in the Workers' Club; to build for a future that will always be bright; and to adhere always to a precept which has in it something of a Divine command—to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

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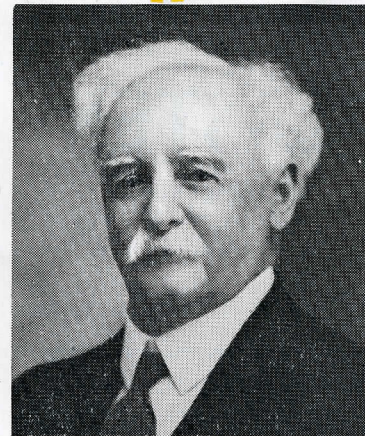
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"BILLY" CLARE

WHITE HAIR AND A WHITE MOUSTACHE

To most of us who can remember the man himself and to all who have seen only a photograph, W. E. (Billy) Clare is an elderly, almost old man, with white hair and a white moustache.



From his position of honour on the walls, Billy Clare regards us with a look that is somehow benign and at the same time austere.

There is a challenging look about him.

The challenge comes from a personality who made his mark in the newspaper and printing world of this State from the 1890's for 40 years onward.

Because today is Billy Clare's big day—although he is not alive to see it—it is fitting that we should bring back to you something of the history of the grand old founder of a grand old club.

Always a newspaperman, Mr. Clare came to the West from Victoria in 1892. Prior to coming he had run the "South Melbourne Record"; and naturally as soon as he reached this State he retained his connection with the printing industry by joining the Government Printing Office in Perth where he became foreman.

One of the first to appreciate the possibilities of the gold-fields, he rushed to Kalgoorlie to set up a newspaper there.

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"Rushed," however, is hardly the word. Billy had to carry his printing apparatus by camel, by wheelbarrow, by any means of transport he could commandeer.

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His first venture on the gold-fields, the "Coolgardie Miner," blossomed in 1894, and was conducted by Mr. Clare for two or three years.

One of the first editors, and one who became a novelist famous for his McGluskey series, was A. G. ("Smiler") Hayles.

It was for Mr Clare's next paper, a weekly called the "Coolgardie Pioneer," that the late Ben Strange produced a series of sketches of the pioneers of the fields, some of which are still to be seen in the city and suburbs

After the "Coolgardie Miner," Mr. Clare produced the "Hannans Herald" in opposition to the "Kalgoorlie Miner." This was printed in Coolgardie and transported to Kalgoorlie on bicycles.

Leaving the Goldfields, Mr. Clare came to Perth and became closely associated with the late Mr. F. C. B. Vosper, the great journalist and orator, in the establishment of "The Sunday Times."

Billy Clare's next venture was "Clare's Weekly," a paper which closely resembled the "Sydney Bulletin." This was a snappy and well-read journal which contributed largely—as a contemporary wrote—to the welfare of the metropolis of that day.

Always on the move, and apparently happier in bringing out newspapers than in settling into a well-worn groove, Billy moved to Bunbury and became identified with the "Bunbury Herald" until about 1914, when he came to Fremantle.

In Fremantle, Billy finally took root. Here for many years he ran the "Fremantle Advocate," a bright and friendly paper almost exclusively devoted to the news and doings of the Port and its personalities.

Here, he helped to found the Workers' Club. He was a foundation member and one of the first trustees.

He helped to set the tone of the club and to lay down the ideals which have helped to guide the first and all subsequent management committees.

In Fremantle generally, and within the walls of the Workers' Club in particular, Mr. Clare will always be remembered.

At the end of his long, colourful, exciting and honourable career, Mr. Clare might well have said what Abou Ben Adem said to the angel: "I pray thee, then, write me as one who loves his fellow men."

No words could form a more fitting remembrance.



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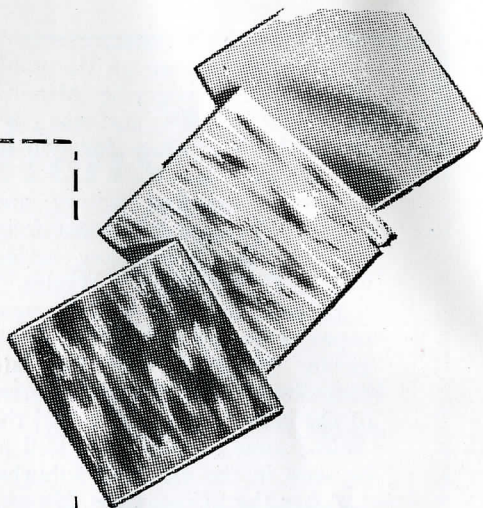
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HE'S NOT THE FOOTBALLER

Whenever a resident of Fremantle is told that the President of the Workers' Club is Norm Dixon, the next question asked is: "Is he the old South Fremantle footballer?"

One look at Norm's solid figure would be sufficient answer to that question.

No he's not the former footballer but he is one of the most one-eyed supporters of the Red-and-Whites in the town and has been as good as a champion player to the South Fremantle Club.

A few years ago, our popular President, the late Ted Langouant, decided to retire.

Only one nomination—and that a last-minute one—was received for the vacancy, and to the surprise of a large number of members, Norm Dixon was elected, unopposed of course, as the new club leader.

Although Norm became president almost by accident, he has earned the praise of all members by his forthrightness and energy.

As the proprietor of a printing business, Norm has been challenged as the leader of a "workers' " club—but Norm is stripped to his singlet—and trousers—on many a hot day, working just as hard as his employees.

And Norm—young, keen and energetic—is doing and will continue to do a good job as President.

His heart is in the club and its welfare.

"THE ONLY DATE I CAN REMEMBER"

Ask secretary Keith Hough what dates he can remember in a long business and sporting career and he'll tell you: "One."

The one date is 1932—the year when Keith reached the peak in football achievement and was crowned Sandover Medallist.

Although Keith made his name as a wingman and played in many State sides in that position he didn't like wing play and was forced to play there.

"In the 1930 carnival, one of the regular wingmen was injured and I was asked to play on the wing as a make-shift," Keith said.





"I fluked playing a good game against South Australia and also did well against Victoria.

"I really didn't have the faintest idea of wing play but I kept going with a couple more good games against the other weaker States and came back to Perth as an alleged champion.

"I was never happy as a wingman because I was not suited to the position.

"I was light enough, weighing only 10.5, but I wasn't capable of long sustained bursts of speed.

"The centre position with its demands for shorter, snappier bursts was more my style," he added.

For all Keiths' modesty, most football followers will remember him as an elusive, polished and scrupulously fair player who richly deserved the award.

Keith played in his last interstate game on one wing; on the other wing was the Subiaco champion, Johnny Bowe, a player who made his name as a champion in two States—W.A. and Victoria.

A few years ago Keith relieved Johnny Bowe as secretary of the Fremantle Workers' Club and like him is giving a polished exhibition as an efficient and hard-working secretary.

Keith's sporting achievements did not end with his football. He was one of the leading tennis players in his home-town, Bunbury, before coming to Perth.

He was several times Bunbury and South-West champion, won titles at Subiaco and Loton Park and shared a State doubles title with Ted Taylor.

At one stage he was fifth ranking player in the State.

In 1936 Keith forsook sport to take up a career as a hotel manager and proprietor.

From Wokalup he moved to Yarloop, to the Nedlands Park Hotel, then to Bridgetown, later to Northam and then back to the Oxford Hotel at Leederville.

Finally Keith was chosen as Johnny Bowe's successor and already club members have found him to be the ideal type.

Courteous, efficient and business-like — that's Keith Hough.

"BIG BROM"—VICE-PRESIDENT

I've known "Big Brom" for more than 30 years—ever since I used to pencil for him at the pick-up of lumpers for North Wharf in the 1920's.

For all that time and for 20 years before, Ern Bromley has been a big figure in the waterfront life of Fremantle.

He's been a big figure in the sporting world and he's been a big figure—and still is—in the life of the Fremantle Workers' Club.

I can remember the first day I went out to write the names of the wheat carriers who were being picked up for bag work at North Wharf—and I can remember some of the names "Big Brom" called out, mostly nicknames of course, and it was some weeks before I discovered the correct names for chaps like "Liniment Jack," "Finger," "Bluey," "Darkie," "Gooseneck," "Geordie," and many others.

In those days, "Brom" had passed the zenith of his sporting career but he was still remembered as a burly and clever ruckman for both East Fremantle (whom he helped to two Premierships in 1903 and 1904) and South Fremantle.

He joined South in 1905 and played with the Red-and-Whites for about seven years.

"Brom" was a former Victorian and played with Port Melbourne before he came West.

A pretty fair cricketer, "Brom" played with a Workers' Club team and also with a Lumpers' team.

But his fame as a cricketer was, of course, overshadowed by his famous son, young Ernie, who was the first W.A.-born cricketer to play Test cricket for Australia.

Some of the happiest days I ever spent with "Big Brom" was in the lunch-hour games of 500 played with old "Finger" Lawrence, Chris Foote, Gerry McInerney and others over at North Wharf.

One of the first arrivals at the game was the old rat-catcher, Alf Bonner, but before a few minutes past 12, the tiny little shed was packed with onlookers.

It was the funniest game I ever watched or listened to, with "Big Brom" holding the floor most days and "Finger" as the butt of his sarcasm.

Although I have never played the game, I have heard that "Brom" is a champion at 45—a game that seems to be the almost exclusive pastime of Workers' Club habitues.

All through his long association with the Club, "Brom" has been a tireless worker in its interests and it is the sincere wish of the members that he will long remain a familiar figure within the precincts of the new building.

JACK LEE.

COMMITTEE 1955-56



Back Row (L. to R.): A. V. Steedman, G. MacDonald (Trustee), J. Steadman, H. Clark, W. Hall, A. Hillbrick, J. Bowe (Life Member).

Front Row: J. Lawrence (Treasurer), K. Hough (Secretary), N. J. Dixon (President), E. Bromley (Vice-President and Life Member), W. Loveday (Trustee).

AN APPRECIATION

Some brief mention should be made in this brochure of the work done by the war-time secretary, Johnny Bowe. During a period when revenue had to be nursed and expenditure closely watched, Johnny did a man-size job for the club.

He relinquished his position to start a private business and become his own boss.

Club members wish him every success in his new venture.

THERE'S ROOM UP ABOVE

There may not be room for expansion sideways in the new Club but there's unlimited room above and if the Club expands as it has been doing, another two storeys can be built on the present foundations.

For a long time the Club committee had realised the need for increased and improved accommodation for members.

Inquiries were made into the possibility of altering and renovating the old premises but it was quickly apparent that the construction of the building and the disposition of the rooms did not readily lend themselves to the open planning needed to satisfy present and future needs.

Apart from the necessity to expand and improve bar and toilet facilities, the old premises had several outstanding disadvantages seriously restricting the convenience of members.

RESTRICTED AND ANTIQUATED

The billiards room was on an upper floor, and the darts room away from the entrance and other club activities. Space was restricted and antiquated.

The new site, three blocks away in Henry Street, has sufficient area to repeat the former accommodation in a much more convenient way with provision for extension upwards for a further two storeys to meet all likely requirements of the Club for many years to come.

In addition, the extensive cool rooms and storage areas required are located in a basement without occupying valuable space on the ground floor.

For this class of building, up to 90 per cent. coverage of the site is permitted. Full advantage is taken of this, the

only areas not covered with building being light wells required for light and air to all rooms, and service access way to the kitchen and basement storage areas. All major rooms have windows to the extent of at least 10 per cent. of their floor area.

Prior to the commencement of demolition of the 50-year-old buildings on the site, a test hole was sunk to a depth of 11ft. in the only space available at the rear of the old building. This hole revealed sandy soil in this area and a general water table of approximately 8ft. below the footpath level.

A SOUND FOUNDATION

Subsequent excavations, however, revealed that most of the site was limestone some three or four feet below the surface, forming a sound foundation for the new building. The floor of the basement was kept two feet above the high-water mark of the water table and in addition the basement was completely tanked with rock asphalt against the penetration of dampness.

The excavation revealed some interesting curios from the past in the form of hand-made and other bottles of unusual shapes which had been buried in debris for more than 50 years.

The water, when tested, was found to be a little brackish, but proved suitable for use in the trough of running water located in front of the main bar counter. Subsequently a bore was sunk in the floor of the basement from which water was drawn to an overhead tank controlling the supply for this purpose.

The basement accommodation consists of a main cool room, 25ft. by 16ft., located under the centre of the main bar, cooled to a temperature of 40 deg. F. A smaller cool room, containing small kegs, is cooled at 38 deg. F.

READY ACCESS

There is large bulk bottle storage room as well as an area set aside for storage of empty barrels which is served by a lift which stops at the level of the right-of-way for deliveries and also at the main bar floor level from which barmen can have ready access to the basement for adjustments and change-overs.

The ground floor, of which the recently completed project is comprised, includes a main club room 78ft. x 34ft. opening onto a spacious billiard and darts room.

A useful adjunct to these rooms is a kitchen and snack bar from which hot meals will be served for eating at the numerous tables and chairs provided.

From the main entrance lobby, the main office opens with an enquiry counter and strong room. The visitors' room is also accessible from the entrance lobby together with a telephone booth and barber's shop for the convenience of members. Members pass through plate glass doors to an inner lobby which gives access to the main club room as well as a card room and change room equipped with lockers and showers. A passage leads to a self-contained library and reading room which opens onto the street through a subsidiary entrance doorway.

STEEL FRAMEWORK

The structural framework of the building is of steel, encased in fireproof concrete, and carried on reinforced concrete footings. Floors are reinforced concrete topped with various finishing surfaces required by the purpose of the room.

The basement floors, where subjected to heavy traffic, are topped with steel tiles. The ground floor is covered principally with asphalt tiles of varied patterns, with vinyl plastic tiles behind the bar. Toilet floors are topped with ceramic mosaic tiles.

All furnishing materials have been chosen for durability and appearance and include ceramic wall tiles both externally and internally, stainless steel and drawn mild steel door and window frames, and cabinet work in special Australian woods—Queensland maple and oak.

COLOUR HARMONY

Colour plays an important part in the treatment of the building both externally and internally with careful attention paid to the harmonising of colours in the various materials used.

Decorative light fittings and features, such as the club crest, a tableau of footballers leaping for a ball in bas-relief sculpture, mirrors and carefully chosen furniture enhance the general treatment of the interior.

The ceilings of all the principal rooms are acoustically treated. General lighting from the ceiling is carried out from flush incandescent fittings as well as hot cathode fluorescent tubes. Direct lighting is concentrated over the bar area.

Mechanical and electrical equipment to the building includes the electrically operated lift, refrigerated storage cabinets, and a two-way public address system.

The dart board bay is designed on modern lines with stainless steel storage trays for each board.

Electrical convection heaters are built in to walls with electric clocks at vantage points in all of the main rooms.

The main club room, the billiard room and the kitchen are mechanically ventilated.

Kitchen equipment includes a bain-marie, electric range and gas stove.

The bar is treated in accordance with the most advanced and hygienic principles of design and includes sterilising glass washers of the automatic type, cold wells for reserve glasses, plastic facings and tops to bar and back fittings, iced water, cocktail shaker points and localised refrigeration at tap outlets.

JAMES W. JOHNSON.

COMPLETE AT LAST

Although I have only been associated with the Club a matter of a few years, the completion of this modern Club Home has given me just as much satisfaction and pleasure as it has to those of our older members who have waited so many years for this happy event.

No expense has been spared in the construction of this building and I appeal to all members to take a personal pride and interest in it.

I ask your co-operation in three ways—

Firstly: Always conduct yourselves as gentlemen; and when you *feel you* have had enough liquor, *go* home quietly.

Don't be a nuisance to others who like to enjoy a quiet drink.

Don't come in the Club if you have already "had your corner."

Secondly: Always observe the elementary laws of hygiene and cleanliness. Dirty habits such as spitting on floors, dirtying floors unnecessarily should not be tolerated, any more than in your own home.

Thirdly: Help us to preserve this fine asset and *do not* wantonly damage furniture and fittings.

If you notice others doing this, it is your duty as a member to prevent it.

A PERSONAL PLEDGE

I feel sure I can rely on your co-operation in these matters, and I can assure you I will always be ready and willing to assist you with any problems you might have.

We are all in this show together—let's play as a team, observe the rules, and we will always finish on top.

KEITH HOUGH.

HIS FIRST REALLY BIG JOB

Like every other professional man, an architect finds it pretty tough in his first few years. Then perhaps he gets a break and his name and fortune are made.

It may be that way with Jimmy Johnson, the young architect who has supervised the erection of our palatial new clubrooms.

Young and energetic, Mr. Johnson has found nothing too much trouble.

He has endeavoured to meet all the wishes of those in charge of building operations and has insisted on first-class workmanship throughout the building.



•
Mr. James W. Johnson
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We hope he will go on to bigger and better buildings and becomes the success in his profession that his first big job has marked him out to be.

While on the subject of the new building, a word of appreciation is also due to Ernie Smith, from Brisbane-Wunderlich who has been painstaking and careful in all the work with which he has been connected.

We would also like to thank Mr. W. C. Korboski, manager of Plunketts, and foreman Jack Pridmore.

Due to the work of the architect and the other workmen we have a building of which every member can be justly proud.

THANK YOU, ALL.

LADIES FIRST !

Ladies, ladies everywhere, and not a man in sight!

Below is shown a small section of the 450 ladies, of all shapes, sizes and ages, who attended the pre-opening day of the new club premises when members' wives were given the first opportunity to inspect the place where so much of their husbands' leisure time is spent.

They examined the building from roof to basement, admired the labor-saving devices and, later in the afternoon, partook of the refreshments provided in ample measure.

Some of the ladies even drank beer.

But it was a most pleasant afternoon. The ladies enjoyed it, and we enjoyed having them in. Maybe we'll invite them again soon.



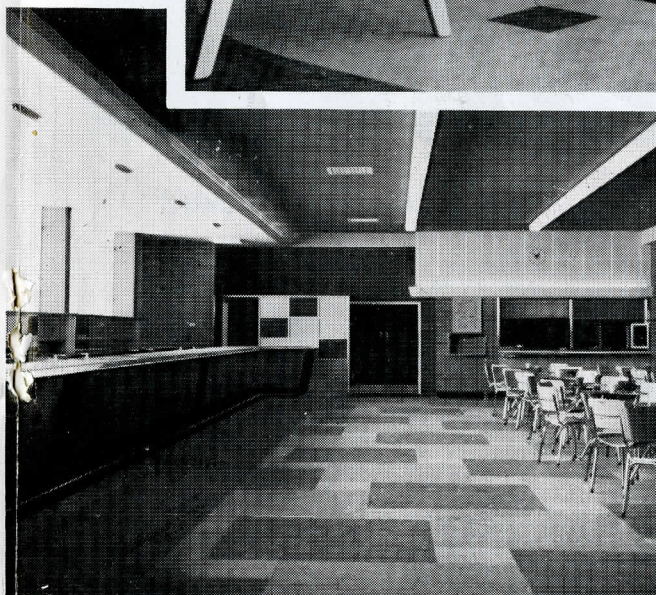
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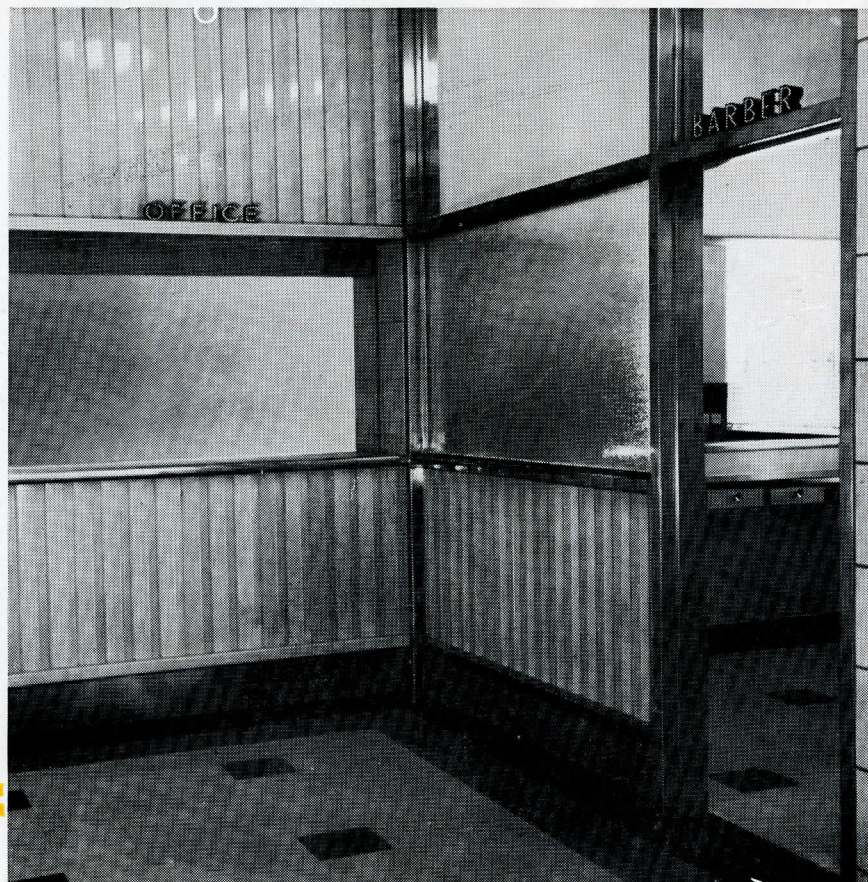
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BAR



LADIES IN THE BAR



NOT A CUSTOMER IN SIGHT

Both the office above and the barber's shop on the right of the picture are deserted, with not a customer in sight. But both places should soon become hives of industry when the new premises are in full working order.

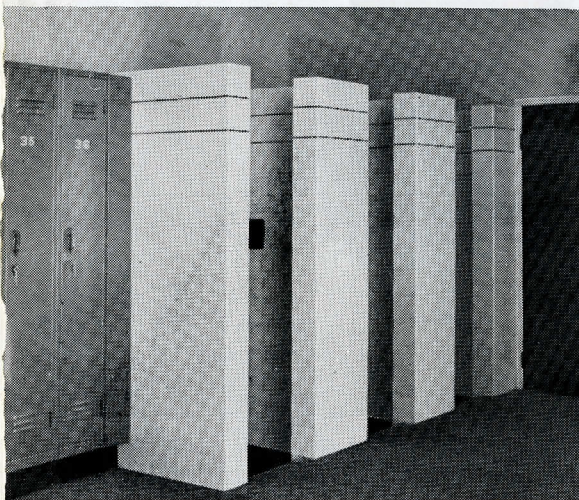
At the left are the spotlessly clean shower recesses.



CATERING FOR ALL TASTES

Catering for all tastes, literary and culinary, are the new library (above) with its more than 3,000 up-to-date novels, and the stainless steel and tiled kitchen with commodious cupboards, at the right.

Members will be able to spend many hours of pleasant relaxation in the library. The kitchen will serve less spiritual but equally important purposes.



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| 15. J. Bell | 72. E. Heaney | 129. W. Johnstone |
| 16. P. Curry | 73. S. Griggs | 130. A. Humphreys |
| 17. J. Tilley | 74. P. Nolan | 131. H. A. Seymour |
| 18. D. Calvin | 75. J. Ohlsen | 132. T. H. Smith |
| 19. H. R. Taylor | 76. C. Wallis | 133. F. Fahy |
| 20. J. H. Porter | 77. F. Connolly | 134. J. Demsal |
| 21. H. H. Taylor | 78. H. R. Bruce | 135. J. Coram |
| 22. T. McSharer | 79. A. E. Curwen | 136. J. Anderson |
| 23. J. T. Denney | 80. A. Fleming | 137. P. McGrath |
| 24. C. Monksfield | 81. J. Dart | 138. T. Lee |
| 25. A. Moradei | 82. R. Barr | 139. H. Malacari |
| 26. H. A. Kemp | 83. R. Davidson | 140. E. E. Shead |
| 27. A. Willimott | 84. J. W. Andrew | 141. J. S. Belfield |
| 28. W. E. Clare | 85. W. Grenfell | 142. J. McDonald |
| 29. P. O'Halloran | 86. J. McDonald | 143. G. B. McKee |
| 30. J. Munro | 87. A. A. Johnson | 144. C. Cole |
| 31. D. Robinson | 88. D. Simcock | 145. J. White |
| 32. J. Prange | 89. M. O'Dell | 146. W. Irvine |
| 33. W. Pearce | 90. F. S. Letchford | 147. T. Blackwell |
| 34. J. Durkin | 91. C. Carlson | 148. H. Lester |
| 35. A. Kernigan | 92. R. J. Burchell | 149. M. A. Spinks |
| 36. T. Quinn | 93. W. J. Clack | 150. T. J. Pattenden |
| 37. G. Lancaster | 94. A. Gillham | 151. G. Kirby |
| 38. W. Nunn | 95. G. Smith | 152. A. Blatchley |
| 39. W. Johnstone | 96. J. Cleary | 153. A. V. Briggs |
| 40. P. Cantrill | 97. E. Barker | 154. J. Hicks |
| 41. P. F. Murphy | 98. E. W. Walsh | 155. D. C. McLeod |
| 42. N. Sievers | 99. G. A. Weaver | 156. S. T. Podger |
| 43. D. Ross | 100. H. F. Miles | 157. R. Longstaff |
| 44. T. Doolan | 101. J. Donnelly | 158. A. J. Woods |
| 45. T. Clarke | 102. J. Foley | 159. G. Wright |
| 46. J. Cameron | 103. J. Bradley | 160. M. Bourke |
| 47. J. Montgomery | 104. W. G. Horton | 161. A. S. Green |
| 48. H. Kernigan | 105. A. Douglas | 162. O. Pollie |
| 49. J. Burgess | 106. J. Walsh | 163. G. W. Hislop |
| 50. J. H. G. Taylor | 107. W. Doherty | 164. T. Priestly |
| 51. F. Rowe | 108. J. Havel | 165. H. Bayly |
| 52. D. Odgers | 109. J. H. Anderson | 166. F. C. Somes |
| 53. M. A. Stafford | 110. A. Stephens | 167. C. Jackson |
| 54. B. Comben | 111. J. Calloway | 168. A. E. Pryce |
| 55. D. Johnson | 112. F. T. Farrelly | 169. J. J. Whatman |
| 56. W. J. Baldry | 113. W. H. Pescud | 170. J. Stewart |
| 57. J. Dwyer | 114. T. S. Douglas | 171. J. Siemoneit |
| | | 172. A. W. Lawrence |



A LANDMARK OF THE PORT

The "old bar" was a landmark of the city—and some of the faces of the members lined up quenching their work-earned (?) thirsts have become almost as familiar to club habitués as the bar itself.

There's always a tinge of regret at the passing of old familiar things, and so many of us will be sorry that we can no longer foregather at the old familiar meeting place.

"Old Brom," Charlie Ming, "Skinny" Lawrence, Noel Barker, Jack Steadman, barmen Rod McKinnon and Mick Monaghan can easily be recognised.

Let's hope that the spirit of conviviality, obvious in the above picture, will continue to reign in the new building.

List of Office Bearers

- 1914—15 President, W. E. Clare; Committee, W. Nunn, C. W. Painter, J. D. Peter, J. B. Ruffel, J. Chamberlain, J. B. Donovan, G. H. Phillips, W. Grenfel.
- 1915—16 President, W. Roche; Vice-Pres., G. Lonsdale; Trustee, G. Edinger; Secretary, H. H. Taylor; Committee, R. McCutcheon, T. McSharer, J. Cavanagh, D. Black, W. Kelly.
- 1916—17 President, W. Roche; Vice-Pres., G. Lonsdale; Trustee, T. McSharer; Secretary, H. H. Taylor; Committee, J. Cavanagh, D. Black; W. Kelly, F. Shirley, F. Rowe.
- 1917—18 President, C. E. O'Meara. Vice-Pres., A. Gregg; Trustee, W. E. Clare; Secretary, A. E. Pryce; Committee, H. Hender, A. Hounslow, E. Middleton, D. Black, G. Holohan.
- 1918—19 Presidents, C. E. O'Meara, W. F. Forster, D. Black; Vice-Presidents, A. Gregg, D. Black; Trustees, F. Baglin, W. F. Forster, W. Roche; Secretary, A. E. Pryce; Committee, .. Dacus, A. Hounslow, H. Hender, E. Middleton, D. Black, J. Lafferty, J. Kavanagh, J. Foley, G. Phillips, W. Moore.
- 1919—20 Presidents, D. Black, W. Roche, J. Moss; Vice-Presidents, W. Moore, J. Moss, W. F. Forster; Trustees, W. Shortill, F. Baglin, G. Lonsdale; Committee, E. Middleton, H. Pearce, G. Phillips, J. Kavanagh, J. Foley, T. McSharer, M. Fowler, E. Maher, J. Croll, G. Edinger J. Singleton.
- 1920—21 President, J. D. Moss; Vice-President, W. F. Forster; Trustees, W. Shortill, .. Day, F. Baglin; Secretary, W. Roche; Committee, L. J. Carey, G. Edinger, E. Maher, J. Singleton, E. Williams.
- 1921—22 President, W. Moore; Vice-President, L. J. Carey; Trustees, F. Gates, W. Shortill, A. H. Toms; Secretary, W. Roche; Committee, J. Cherrie, J. Croll, T. J. Flanagan, H. G. Lynn; G. Phillips.
- 1922—23 President, W. Moore; Vice-President, L. J. Carey; Trustees, H. G. Lynn, A. H. Toms, T. J. Flanagan; Secretary, W. Roche; Committee, J. Cherrie, J. Croll, G. Phillips G. J. Crane, J. Knox-Peden.
- 1923—24 President, W. Moore; Vice-President, L. J. Carey; Trustees, G. Phillips, H. G. Lynn, T. J. Flanagan; Secretary, A. Gregg; Committee, J. Cherrie, J. Croll, W. Pearce, E. Williams, T. Doolan.
- 1924—25 President, W. Moore; Vice-President, L. J. Carey; Trustees, G. Phillips, H. G. Lynn, T. J. Flanagan; Secretary, A. Gregg; Committee, J. L. Croll, J. Cherrie, T. Doolan, L. Heery W. Pearce.
- 1925—26 President, W. Moore; Vice-President, L. J. Carey; Trustees, G. Phillips, H. G. Lynn, T. J. Flanagan; Secretary, A. Gregg; Committee, W. Pearce, T. Doolan, J. Cherrie, W. Dowell, J. R. Moore.
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- 1930—31 President, W. Moore; Vice-Pres., D. Black; Trustees, G. Phillips, H. G. Lynn, G. Wimshurst; Secretary, A. Gregg; Committee, G. Andrew, W. Dowell, P. Hillbrick, P. Stannard, W. C. Sweet.
- 1931—32 President, W. Moore; Vice-Pres., G. Edinger; Trustees, G. Phillips, F. Hedland, A. Stewart; Secretary, A. Gregg; Committee, G. Andrew, P. Hillbrick, J. Singleton, P. Stannard, G. J. Dixon.
- 1932—33 President, W. Moore; Vice-Pres., W. W. Mooney; Trustees, G. Phillips, J. R. Moore, J. Singleton; Secretary, A. Gregg, J. Moore, W. Moore; Committee, G. Andrew, P. Hillbrick, W. Hunter, P. Stannard, P. Youlden.
- 1933—34 President, G. Edinger; Vice-Pres., W. C. Sweet; Trustees, G. Phillips, W. Pearce, J. Singleton; Secretary, W. Moore; Committee, J. Cameron, T. Grant, F. Hedland, P. Hillbrick, P. Youlden.
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- 1940—41 President, H. E. Briggs; Vice-Pres., A. Styles; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. Andrew; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, E. Bromley, G. Sharpe, E. Smith, R. Richardson, O. Hargrave.
- 1941—42 President, A. Styles; Vice-Pres., E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. Andrew; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, G. Sharpe F. W. Morell, L. F. Smith, O. Hargrave, D. Gillan.

- 1942—43 President, A. Styles; Vice-Pres., E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. Andrew; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, G. McDonald, A. Hillbrick, D. Gillan, T. Egan, D. Low.
- 1943—44 President, A. Styles; Vice-Pres., E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. Andrew; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, H. Clark, A. Hillbrick, E. Langoulant, G. McDonald, W. Sharpe.
- 1944—45 President, A. Styles; Vice-Pres., E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. McDonald; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, H. Clark, A. Hillbrick, A. Steedman, E. Langoulant, G. Sharpe.
- 1945—46 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. McDonald; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. Steedman, H. Clark, C. Law, A. Hillbrick, G. Sharpe.
- 1946—47 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, J. H. Adams, G. McDonald; Treasurer, J. Cartwright; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. Steedman, C. Law, A. Hillbrick, G. Sharpe, H. Clark.
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- 1948—49 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, G. McDonald, D. Gillan; Treasurer, G. Andrew; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. V. Steedman, C. Law, A. J. Hillbrick, T. Macauley, C. A. Bond.
- 1949—50 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, G. McDonald, A. Styles; Treasurer, G. Andrew; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, H. J. Clark, C. Law, C. A. Bond, A. J. Hillbrick, T. Macauley.
- 1950—51 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, G. McDonald, A. Styles; Treasurer, G. Andrew; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. V. Steedman, H. J. Clark, C. A. Bond; C. Law, A. J. Hillbrick.
- 1951—52 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, G. McDonald, C. Law; Treasurer, J. R. Lawrence; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. V. Steedman, H. J. Clark, A. J. Hillbrick, C. A. Bond, T. Macauley.
- 1952—53 President, E. Langoulant; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, G. McDonald, W. Loveday; Treasurer, J. R. Lawrence; Secretary, J. Bowe; Committee, A. V. Steedman, H. J. Clark, A. J. Hillbrick, C. A. Bond, T. Macauley.
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- 1954—55 President, N. J. Dixon; Vice-President, E. Bromley; Trustees, W. Loveday, G. McDonald; Treasurer, J. R. Lawrence; Secretary, K. Hough; Committee, J. C. Steadman, A. V. Steedman, H. J. Clark, A. J. Hillbrick, W. Hall.
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THE GHOSTS STILL LINGER

The name of Lodge's Hotel is almost a forgotten memory; schoolgirls no longer play their childish games within the precincts of the building; and Chinese stewards no longer bow obsequiously and attend to the wants of the thirsty; but the Fremantle Workers' Social and Leisure Club still lives on.

The old building, erected more than 90 years ago, still stands and the ghosts of the far-off days still linger.

But we have moved with the times and soon the memories of the old club may be forgotten in the splendour of the new.

It is now more than 80 years ago that the old building was first licensed "for the sale of spirituous liquors" under the style and title of Lodge's Hotel.

"In course of time," as the souvenir booklet printed to commemorate the re-opening of the club in 1932 states, "the licence lapsed, whether by force of advancing civilisation or through a wave of temperance reform visiting the colony" and the building became a seminary, a school for young ladies.

Later the building became a club for the professional and business men associated with the commercial, industrial and shipping life of the port.

It was then known as the Fremantle Club and rivalled in its prestige the old-established Weld Club in Perth.

CHINESE STEWARDS.

It was in this era that the club was staffed by Chinese stewards under the direction of a European chief steward.

The club's glory faded when most of the old-established firms transferred their headquarters to Perth.

At a cost of £2,000—a ridiculous figure in these days—the building was purchased from the A.M.P. Society by the young and virile Fremantle Workers' Club.

In the somewhat extravagant language of the 1930's, the souvenir booklet states:

"The club was founded in the fateful year of 1914—at the dawn of the most tragic period in all history.



"When the call to arms came, the response from among the members of the Fremantle Workers' Club was so spontaneous and so remarkable as to cause it to live imperishably in our annals.

"Very many, alas, of our loyal and eager comrades were called upon to make the last supreme sacrifice.

"In the long-drawn-out war days abnormal conditions developed both in our social life and in our business methods.

A psychological effect undreamed of was revealed. The gamut of all human emotions was run.

"FRENZIED SATURNALIA."

"From moods of deepest despondency the community was often moved to intervals of frenzied saturnalia—from timorous niggardliness to uncontrollable extravagance. And this club of ours was affected by all these disturbing phases."

In spite of all the frenzy and the lack of control the club prospered.

In 1932 it was written: "The position today is that the club is well endowed, soundly based and securely buttressed in permanency. It may be that greater co-operation is yet needed to extend its influence and enrich its privileges.

"It should be the ambition of each and every one of us to make it an institution which will embrace within its scope all that is best calculated to enhance its influence for good and add to its general and intellectual status in the community in which it is now so firmly, and, we trust, so favourably, established."

Could anything better be said today?

Reminiscences from the Minutes

December 22, 1918: A complaint was received from Mr. Ross with reference to the manner in which he had been treated in a game of mug's pool. After evidence had been taken, the committee decided to dismiss the complaint.

May 2, 1924: The secretary sacked a barman whose percentage was poor.

October 25, 1925: Mrs. F. . . . complained that the club was the cause of her domestic unhappiness. Mr F. . . . was advised that he was no longer a member of the club until Mrs. F. . . . withdrew her complaint.

The trivial and the commonplace have been recorded along with the vital and important, and so the minute books have become a fascinating collection of incidents rich in variety and full of colour.

In 1918-19, we are told, the bar profits were £2,771/7/2, which gave the club a net profit of £1,130/10/1.

Salaries were recorded as £323/10/-, while wages amounted to £1,046/6/8.

The club's solicitude for the welfare and the behaviour of its members is shown in the entry of August 17, 1919: "Mr. J. . . . was brought before the committee and severely spoken to by the president for his general conduct, both at home and also in the club."



Here are other extracts from the same year:

September 14: It was moved that a chit system be adopted for a trial.

September 28: It was decided that no more Union beer be procured.

November 23: Messrs W... and L... were charged with fighting in the bar. Mr. W... was expelled for one month. Mr. L... was exonerated.

December 10: Following a robbery between 1.15 a.m. and 5.15, it was decided that a night porter be appointed at a salary of £3/10/- a week. His hours were to be 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. every shift with the exception of Sunday, when he would work from 11 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Presumably the extra time on Sunday night was to enable him to go to church and give thanks for his good fortune in securing such a well-paid and comfortable job.

In the same month, the club's stewards were warned that they should not shout or drink with the members.

On March 28, 1920, the members were amazed to hear that 8 oz. glasses had been increased in price to 3d. and that 16 oz. pots in future would cost 6d.

July 4, 1926: Four members were charged with having played two-up. One defendant said that he could not have been playing as he was broke on the day in question.

August 29, 1926: The price of beer was raised to 8d. for a 20 oz. pot and 4d. for a 10 oz. glass.

October 10, 1926: A complaint was received that a "gold watch" raffled among club members had turned out to be gilt. The member in whose aid the watch was raffled was suspended.

These and many other items can be found in the old minute books of the club.

The books are rich in history and full of the flavour of a life which has now passed us by.

HARD-DRINKING, TWO-FISTED.

In the minutes are stories of hard-drinking two-fisted men who lived life to the full, who fought and drank and swore and gambled.

We make no apology for presenting these slices of life from the club's early history.

We make no pretensions that the club is other than what it is or has been.

We do not pretend that the pioneer members of the club and those who came after were saints or models of all the domestic virtues.

No. They were men who worked hard, drank hard and sometimes fought hard. **they were men.**

Although the club was founded in 1914, it was not until 1918 that comprehensive records were kept.

The first entry, on December 8, 1918, is made in the scholarly handwriting of Mr. A. E. Pryce, the secretary of the day.

From then on, records were kept, records that are astonishingly diverse in their content.



VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE.

Forthright in their indignation, the members promptly passed a vote of no-confidence in the committee for increasing the price of beer without first consulting the members.

As a further gesture of defiance, perhaps, Mr. J. H... committed a nuisance in the billiard room and was smartly suspended.

On June 30, 1920, members felt the need for the introduction of a soothing and more cultural influence and atmosphere within the club and a librarian was appointed. "An honorarium of £1 a year was granted."

On January 23, 1921, the committee sacked the caretaker.

On February 6, a special general meeting reinstated the caretaker.

On February 13, the committee members sacked themselves, resigning in a body.

On March 6, Mrs. H... asked that Mr. H... be debarred from the club. The committee obligingly struck the name of Mr. H... from the membership list.

About this time, a notice was posted to the effect that no singing or bad language was allowed in the bar.

THE "CLOWN MACHINE."

In the same financial year, bar profits rose to £3,730/18/4; and an extra source of income was the "clown machine"—the forerunner of the one-armed bandits of today?

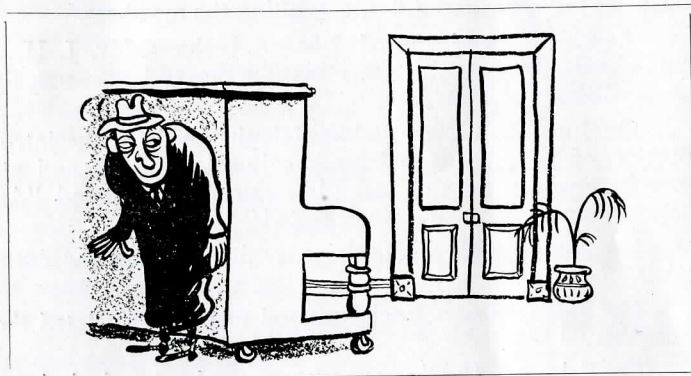


Pugilistic tendencies within the precincts of the club were strongly discouraged and, on June 26, Mr. J. C... was reprimanded for striking another member in the bar and was expelled for the second time.

Mr. A. B. Criddle, of Dongara, had an eye to business in 1921, and offered to sell crayfish to the club. The committee, however, "took no action."

On receipt of a complaint about the "disgraceful conduct" of seamen who had been made honorary members, it was decided that no more members of interstate or overseas boats should be granted these privileges.

On October 30, the librarian asked for a loan of £2. It was granted on the condition that it was to come off his honorarium. You remember? He got an annual honorarium of £1.



On the same day, a member who committed the rather original offence of hiding behind the piano "in a very suspicious manner" when the reading room was about to be closed, was struck off the register.

"DRINKING TOO HEAVY."

Mr. T... was brought before the committee for "not acting in the best interests of the club by drinking too heavy and also for bad language." It was solemnly moved and carried that "no more drink be served to Mr. T..."

When the caretaker reported Messrs. L... and H... in 1922 for misconduct, both were cautioned. Mr. L... declared the case was a frame-up. He refused to withdraw his statement and the president ordered him to leave the club.

The caretaker asked for "protection," and it was decided to give him a revolver.

About this time, club hours were declared as 6.30 a.m. until midnight, and the manager's salary was reduced from £7 to £6 a week.

The average member's faith in the committee was shown when a motion that the "whole of the staff and the committee be dismissed" was lost by a considerable majority. A motion that a special audit of the books be carried out met with a similar fate.

An attempt to dispense with the services of the secretary "as he no longer retains the confidence of members" was also lost.

Another move a few months later, however, was successful, and on September 18 the position of secretary was declared vacant.

It was decided that the new secretary was to provide a fidelity bond of £500.

The committee acted as peacemakers between two members who were reported for fighting on September 30 and asked the two to shake hands.

"INSOBRIETY."

On October 7, a steward was dismissed for "insobriety."

A patriotic committee had the flagpole renovated in March, 1924, and Mr. J. Bitton was thanked for "being kind enough to cart a quantity of tan bark for the lane."

On March 16 a tender of £19—to repair the side wall, back chimney, etc.—was accepted.

A FAITHFUL RECORD.

So the minutes continue to present a faithful record of the men of the 1920's. There is nothing really disgraceful in it; all the incidents show that the committee is anxious to preserve peace and harmony and to make conditions as enjoyable as they can.

A visit from Detective S. Dungey, of the C.I.D., led to the cessation of the club's tipping competition in March.

Tragedy struck Joe Olsen on June 8 when he broke his leg while endeavouring to enter the club. Joe was removed to the Fremantle Hospital.

Harmony at a social evening on July 15 was provided by Misses D. Whitely, M. Hickey, and Messrs. Percy Coward, Syd Callaghan, Percy Swain, George Minikin, Will Goddard, Bert Swift, Herbert Gibson, Jim Harman, Bert Green, Frank Molyeaux, Will Burgess and Lance Carey.



AN EASY WINNER.

On September 2, Messrs. H. ("Nigger Nose") Fuller, T. C. ("Mary Miles") Minter, Tom ("Scaly") Cromwell and George ("Dogface") Riley were competitors in an ugly man's competition. It is reported that Mr. Minter "won easily."

The club became an incorporated body on September 28, 1924, and the secretary's salary was raised to £8.

Mr. Les Heerey was M.C. at a social on October 17 and the artists were Misses Flaherty, Hazel Collett, Nancy Kelly, Alice O'Donnell and Messrs. George Shepherd, Herbert Gibson, Percy Coward, Ern Sweetman, G. Mills, Percy Wood (cornet), Jim Harmon (banjoline), E. Green and George Harvey (violinist). The accompanist was F. Reeves and the club's orchestra consisted of Jim Harmon (conductor), E. Bush, Percy Wood, E. Green, Bob Irvine, Bob Hudson and Will Burgess.

On January 11, 1925, the president (Mr. Moore) was distressed to find that games of two-up were being "indulged in" on club premises. It was decided to expel any member found guilty of this heinous offence.

A fortnight later, Mrs. H... wrote to complain that the club was the cause of her domestic unhappiness.

SHE WAS "EXCITED."

On February 8, Mrs. H... withdrew her complaint, stating that she had written her letter when she was "excited."

Crown-and-anchor was ruled out as illegal in spite of the contention of some members that it was just as legal as betting on horse-racing.

A big step forward was taken on February 22 when the property adjoining the club, occupied by Unmack, Dwyer and Thomas, was bought for £1,000.



The caretaker, Mr. W. Grenfell, asked for help in feeding the dogs which he kept on the premises to protect the club property.

Stern action was taken against Mr. F... on October 4 because Mrs. F... complained that the club was the cause of her domestic unhappiness. Mr. F. was told that he was no

longer a member of the club and would have to wait for reinstatement until his wife withdrew her complaint.

On November 1, 30 doz. pastries, 30 doz. sausage rolls, 10 doz. cakes were ordered at 12/- a gross.

"IN A FORCEFUL MANNER."

A minute of November 29 reported that Mr. W. Pearce "administered censure in a forceful manner" to four members found guilty of using obscene language.

Mr. B... who hit Mr. T... with a stick, was suspended for two weeks. So was Mr. T.???

On March 7, plans for a new building and alterations to the old, at a cost of £4,500, were adopted.

On March 21, Mrs. T... asked the committee to expel her son from the club because of his intemperate habits. Her request was granted.



Another Mr. T... was also expelled for taking six bottles of beer from the club without paying.

WALSH-PITMAN REMEMBRANCE FUND.

Mr. Adrian Bryan, secretary of the Walsh-Pitman stealing detection staff who were murdered in Kalgoorlie, asked for a donation.

On June 27, J. J. Higham offered for sale any or all of the three hotels, the Duke of York, the Oceanic or the Star, which were to be delicensed.

On the same day, a member complained that a book-maker betting on the premises had refused to pay him a winning double.

On September 9, Nathan and Wyeth offered to supply Scotch whisky which could be sold at 6d. a nobbler and show a 100 per cent. profit.

THE DOGS WERE OUSTED.

Members' dogs were a bit of a nuisance about this time and it was decided strictly to enforce the by-law prohibiting them from the premises, with the exception of the club's watchdog.

Mr. B... was called before the committee to answer a charge of "scandalous language" in that he called Mr. D... "a grey-headed old bastard." Mr. D..., it was stated, had retaliated and called Mr. B... the same thing. Both were suspended for one month.

The committee's desire to eliminate dissension between members was illustrated in the report of another case on December 19.

Mr. H. F... said that he had not "sooled any one man on to another" to start a fight as that was not his style. Rather, he said, he had tried to induce Mr. H... to sing and so take his mind off fighting.

Mr. F...s plea was accepted and Mr. H..., who, it was reported, had "practically pleaded guilty" was debarred from the privileges for three months.

Early in 1924 the U.L.V.A. sought the support of the club in an effort to have the Anzac Day Act amended.

Mr. A. C... said in the bar on April 24 that the committee was "crook and did not act in the best interests of the club."

Brought before the committee, Mr. C... made the remarkable defence that he did not mean to reflect on any of the committee. He also claimed the right to his own opinionand then apologised.

A COCKATOO FOR THE DUCHESS.



On May 22, the secretary reported that he was negotiating for the purchase of a cockatoo "to present same to the Duchess of York."

On July 24, the private secretary of the Duchess of York acknowledged the receipt of the cockatoo.

Maintaining the delightful incongruity of the records, the next minute stated that the tan bark had been removed from the lane and replaced by cinders.

ALL FOR A JOKE.

Mr. G. H..., charged with burning sulphur on the club premises, thereby creating a nuisance, pleaded guilty and said he meant it only as a joke. He was severely warned and reprimanded for his "arrogant manner."

The tipping competition was again going strong in September and agents were being sought in Perth.

An allowance of 7/- a week for the feeding of the watchdog was discontinued in October; and the night cleaner was allowed one bottle of beer each night.

Mr. H. F... committed lese majeste on January 22, 1928, by calling a vice-president a "scab." He agreed to apologise.

On August 19, Mr. Unmack was instructed to represent the club in defence of a charge of having served liquor on Sundays.

It was reported in September that the Workers' Gazoo Band had assisted in the final rally of the Hospital Appeal. An amount of 6/2 was granted to the band for refreshment.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR BILLY CLARE.

Mr. W. E. Clare was recommended for life membership on November 25, and an illuminated address was presented to him on December 2.

On January 6, 1929, the secretary reported that he had suspended two members for running an unauthorised raffle, which, he had good reason to believe was, "not all above board."

Mr. S... haled Mr. M... before the committee for abusive language and suggesting that Mr. S... had robbed the club of £150. Mr. M... withdrew the accusation, apologised and signed a written apology.

THE FU-FU BAND GETS A MENTION.

The club's Fu-Fu Band thanked the committee for its donation on April 14 and asked for a Fu-Fu Band notice board to be erected.

On August 18, the elimination of "juvenile items" was advocated as a way of improving a proposed concert.

In May, the club's cricket team was congratulated on having finished runner-up in the previous two seasons.

An economy drive in July saw the cutting down of the milk supply by half a pint, the elimination of concerts, the reduction in the supply of newspapers and the wiping out of free drinks to the doormen and cleaners.

Two members were suspended for assaulting the secretary. They were Messrs. S... and E... Mr. S... had called the secretary a "bloody liar" and struck him, causing the secretary to break a leg.

THE DEPRESSION YEARS

These were the years of the big depression and in common with all businesses, industries and homes, the club felt the impact of the bad times. The secretary's salary was cut, a loss of £674/18/6 was shown on the 1930-31 year's transactions, staff was reduced and the secretary was put to work behind the bar.

A drive for new members was made, and the member who introduced most newcomers was granted a year's free subscription. Committeemen were empowered to wash up glasses in the bar. In November, the secretary was dismissed and a new one was appointed. Three months later he got the sack, too.

Things were really tough.

But there was still plenty of spirit in the club, although there were signs that the bad old days of fights and quarrels were on the way out.

In January, 1932, a member was suspended for 12 months for bringing his four sons to the club to assault another member with whom he had quarrelled.

There is a mention of the secretary of the Douglas Credit System seeking permission to address the members.

The billiard marker applied for a reduction in rent "owing to the rain entering the room." The committee bought a barometer, apparently to let the marker know when rain was expected.

Miss Dot Molyneaux (Buffalo Ray) and Miss Grace Parry (Fremantle Ray) sought support from the club in the Cancer Appeal.

The members of the Fu-Fu Band were granted one free drink on the nights they played at the club.

In May, 1933, the installation of refrigeration was discussed.

Shortly afterwards, it was announced that a counter lunch would be provided on Saturday night.

With the weathering of the depression, the club slowly but surely began to change character. There were fewer fights, less bad language, and no letters from irate wives blaming the club for their domestic unhappiness.

PICTURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

In October, 1934, a picture of the Australian XI, which included the W.A. boy Ernie Bromley signed by all the players, was presented to the club by Ern. Bromley senior.

In December the committee refused a request from Walter Lindrum that he might give an exhibition at a cost of 10 guineas.

Later in the month, accordeon players were instructed to play in the yard on Friday nights.

HAPPY DAYS.

In 1935, you could still buy a five-gallon keg for £1/2/6. Refreshments for a social cost £13/10/-; the cost of the "eats" was £7; and six artists performed at a cost of 10/6 each.

On May 12, a member was reprimanded for insulting a committeeman, and on June 9 it was decided that the door-keeper "should be spoken to in regard to his conduct in abusing himself and others on the night of June 2."

Complaints were received from the licensee of His Majesty's Hotel early in 1936 about the noise of the wireless and the bad language in the yard.

In April there was a move to form a dart club.

In 1937 all members of more than 12 months standing were given half a dozen "bottles of ale" for Christmas.

Mr. E... was reprimanded on July 31, 1938, for bringing a lady into the club. His excuse: "under the influence."

SECRETARY DIES IN OFFICE.

The secretary, Mr. W. Moore, died in office in April, 1939, and George McDonald won the ballot from 15 other applicants for the vacant position.

Mr. P. J. Hillbrick was given 12 bottles of beer for introducing 59 new members to the club in the previous 12 months and the committee voted itself a bottle of Scotch for services rendered.

In February, 1940, Johnny Bowe took over from George McDonald as secretary.

Brief extracts from subsequent records are:

October 19, 1941: £1 was granted to members serving overseas.

February 22, 1942: The black-out of the club's premises was completed.

September 20, 1942: "No betting" notices were erected.

October 31, 1943: A member was suspended from the club for six months for betting.

February 6, 1944: Two members were given "three months" for a disturbance in the bar.

The last flickering of the periodic challenges to respectability came in the years 1944-1946, and since then few contentious issues have been raised.

On September 3, 1944, a former official was charged with conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the club and was expelled.

REPORTED HIMSELF.

A committeeman reported himself for fighting in October, 1945, and resigned.

On November 24, a member was suspended for throwing his hat at a barman.

On January 20, 1946, the Fu-Fu Band was disbanded.

A Mr. E... appeared before the committee to answer a charge of betting. "Guilty," the committee said. "You are suspended for six months"

"Make it life," said Mr. E.

In April Mr. C... was suspended for life for having used abusive and insulting language to the secretary and the doorman.

On June 9, the committee decided to serve free beer to members from 11.30 to noon and 4 p.m. to 4.30 on V-Day.

In the same month, the bar turnover was reported to be £33,077.

On September 1, Mrs. W... asked that her husband's credit at the bar be stopped owing to finances at home.

Warnings against bad language were again posted.

A NEW ERA.

That's almost the end of the old days—they are gone and a new era of respectability, of almost untroubled harmony appears to have come to the club.

Should the fights, the quarrels, the gambling, the arguments and the subsequent cautions, suspensions and reprimands be forgotten?

Or should we treasure them as memories of a way of living that is now almost forgotten; memories of a time when there were less than 200 members and every man knew his fellow; and memories of errors and mistakes which should help us to do the right thing in the future?

From the lessons of the past we build more surely for the future.

Let us all make sure that we will do our part to make that future better in every way.

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